

Mary Catling daughter of John Catling was born July 10, 1666.

Samⁿ Catling was born Nov. 4th 1672.

John was born 27 day Aprill 1676.

Thomas was born [27 ?] August 1678.

Benjamin Catling born 1 Feb. 1680.

John Catling son of Samⁿ Catling and his wife Eliz^a was born Oct. 20th 1703.

Tho Catling was born Febr 17th 1705-6.

Samⁿ Catling was born 27th March 170-.

Isaac Catlin was born Nov. 11th 1712.

Abijah Catlin was born Aprill 6th 1715.

Mary Catlin was born March 26th 1717.

Eben^s Catlin was born July 25, 1724.

Hannah Clark, daughter of Danⁿ Clark was born May 10th 1694.

Mary Clark was born in March y^e 8th 1695.

Joseph Clark was born July 22, 1698-9.

Mary Clark was born

Isaac Clark was born July 25, 1710.

Jacob Demmon son of Jacob Demmon was born March [24 ?] 1696.

Lidiah Day daughter of John Day was born 11th of Aprill 1698.

Mary was born Aug^t 14th 1699.

John Day was born 6th June 1701.

Abigail daughter of Daniel Miles and Eliz^a his was born Feb^r 10th 1718-19.

Mary was born Feb^r 8th 1720-1.

Daniel Miles was born August 20th 1723.

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David Ensigne son of David Ensigne was borne the 26 day of Nour 1664.

James Ensign son of David Ensigne was born the 8 of July 1666.

Thomas Ensigne son of David Ensigne was born the 7th of Decemb^r 1668.

Sarah Ensign daughter of David Ensigne was born 22 January 1671.

Mary Ensigne daughter of David Ensigne was born the 26th January 1674.

Sarah Easton daughter of Jn^s Easton was born July 18th 1670.

Mary was born Decemb^r 26, 1672. Mehittabell Jan^r 17, 1683.

Sarra was born Nov. 15, 1675. Abigail was born March 16, 1687.

John was born Jan^r 10, 1678. John was born Octob^r 22, 1689.

Mary was born Octob^r 1, 1681.

Esther Cadwell daughter of Nath Cadwell and Esther his wife was born Jan^r 24, 1722-3.

Matthew Cadwell was married to Abigail Beckly daughter of John Beckly March 25, 1695.

Matthew Cadwell was born June 11, 1696.

Abigail was born May 6, 1700.

John was born Novemb^r 30th 1702.

Abell was born Novemb^r 27th 1703.

John Cole son of Nath and Eliz^a Cole was born Feb. 15th 1707-8.

Elizabeth was born March 18, 1709-10.

Zerviah Clark daughter of Josia and Elizabeth Clark was born Decem^r 27th 1703. Dyed Feb. 5th following.

Zervia the 2^d born Jan^r 3, 1704-5. Barzilai was born August 17th 1706.

RECORDS OF TOWN OF HARTFORD, 1709 TO 1716.

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JONATHAN ANDREWS, son of John Andrews and Hannah his wife, was born Nov. 25, 1703. Eliz. Andrews was born Feb. 17, 1705-6; Abigail Andrews was born Feb. 21, 1707-8; Asahell Andrews was born Dec. 2, 1711. Elisha Andrews, son of Stephen Andrews, and Sarah his wife, was born July 10, 1706. Dinah Andrews was born Aug. 10, 1708; Charles Andrews was born Oct. 3, 1710. Mary Andrews, dau. of Solomon and Elizabeth his wife, was born Jan. 23, 1708.

Jonath. Butler, son of Jonath. Butler and Mary his wife, was born June 26, 1708; Elizabeth was born Jan. 21, 1709-10; Daniel was born March 8, 1712-13; Moses was born Aug. 30, 1716. Ann Bracy, daughter of Henry Bracy and Ann his wife, was born Dec. 28, 1706-7; Pheba was born Jan. 6, 1707-8. She dyed Feb. 14 following; Phebe was born Dec. 28, 1710; Henry was born March 15, 1712-13. Abijah Bunce, son of Joseph Bunce and Ann his wife, was born Feb. 11, 1709-10. Samuel Benjamin, son of John Benjamin and Hanna his wife, was born May 30, 1708; Caleb Benjamin was born July 15, 1710.

Mary Church, the daughter of John Church, was born Sept. 26, 1706; Joseph was born March the 15, 1707-8; Daniel was born June 12, 1710. Mary Cadwell, the daughter of Samuel Cadwell and Mary his wife, was born Dec. 18, 1708; Samuel Cadwell was born Nov. 1, 1710.

Moses Dickinson, son of Thomas Dickinson and Mehetabell his wife, was born Aug. 19, 1710. Mary Dyer, the daughter of Benjamin Dyer, was born Feb. 25, Anno Dom. 1736-7. John Camp, son of John Camp and Rebeckah his wife, was born Dec. 21, 1711.

Lemuel Easton, the son of Joseph Easton and Sarah his wife, was born June 13, 1710-11. Hannah Easton, daughter of Jonathan Easton and Elizabeth his wife, was born March 4, 1709-10. Abigail Ensigne, the daughter of David Ensigne and Hannah his wife, was born March 22, 1710-11; Hannah Ensigne was born Jan. 19, 1711; Zerviah Ensigne was born Dec. 20, 1713; David Ensign was born June 12, 1716; Eliphalet Ensigne was born April 26, 1718. Sarah Ensign, daughter

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CHARLES SIDNEY ENSIGN, a life member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society since 1889, Corresponding Secretary of the Society in 1895, at various times a member of its Council, and at the time of his death Vice-President of the Society for Massachusetts, died at his home in Newton, Mass., 10 April 1917, in the seventy-fifth year of his age.

He was born at Hartford, Conn., 26 July 1842, the only child of Sidney Ariel and Julia Maria (Brockway) Ensign, and was seventh in descent from James¹ Ensign of Cambridge, Mass., and Hartford, Conn., through David,² Thomas,³ Moses,⁴ Isaac,⁵ Ariel,⁶ and Sidney Ariel,⁷ his father.

The Ensign family is probably of Frisian or Danish origin, its eponymous ancestor in England being, we may assume, one of the early invaders of the British Isles who in the period of the Teutonic migrations settled in Kent. It is likely that he was called Ens, from the name of his former home, a small fishing community on the isle of Schokland in the Zuyder Zee, included in the region then known as Frisia and now a part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. In 1852, on account of the inroads of the sea, the inhabitants of this little island were ordered to abandon it and seek abodes elsewhere. The son of this invader was doubtless known as Ensing, *-ing* being an old English term meaning "descended from," which was used later to designate a family or tribe. It is a singular fact that this name kept its original form, with only slight variations in spelling, until after some of the bearers of this surname had migrated to New England. In Hartford, Conn., the name appears as Ensing, the form used by a witness to a will in October 1666 and in the wills of James¹ Ensign and his wife Sarah in 1670 and 1676.

Early English records speak of the family as ancient and honorable, but small. Its seat was at Chilham, co. Kent, not far from Canterbury. On the present map of Kent, a few miles north of Chilham, may be found an Ensden Wood, and near it is a hamlet or village called Ensden, Ensden being a contraction from Ensingden. It would appear, therefore, that at an early date an Ensing made his abode in a wooded vale, called in Old English a "den." The

and thirty others, formed the South, or Second, Congregational Church. He died in November 1670, and in his will bequeathed £6 "towards the building of the new meeting house." His estate was appraised at £729. 2s. 9d., a considerable estate for that period. His wife died in 1676.

His son, David,² was born at Hartford in 1644. Like his father he was prominent in church and town affairs, and was chosen chimney viewer, surveyor, and grand jurymen. He married first, 22 October 1663, Mehitable Gunn, daughter of Thomas Gunn of Windsor, Conn., who came from Dorchester, Mass., in 1636; and secondly Sarah (Wilcocks) Long of Middletown, Conn., daughter of John and Sarah (Savage) Wilcocks and former wife of Thomas Long. He was one of the first settlers of West Hartford, whither he moved in 1713, and was a petitioner for the establishment there of an ecclesiastical society, his name standing first on the list of church members. He died 14 December 1727, in his eighty-third year, and was buried in the old cemetery in West Hartford, where his gravestone bears the following inscription: "Here Lyeth the Body of M^r David Ensign Who Died Decem^r ye 14th 1727 in ye 83 year of his age."

Thomas³ Ensign, son of David, was born 7 December 1668. He married, 1 December 1692, Hannah Shepard, daughter of John and Rebecca (Greenhill) Shepard. He, too, played his part in the affairs of the Colony, holding the offices of chimney viewer, constable, grand jurymen, and surveyor of highways. He died in January or February 1737/8.

Moses⁴ Ensign, the date of whose birth is uncertain, was baptized 29 February 1707/8 in the Second Church at Hartford. He married, 3 January 1731/2, Love Andrus or Andrews, daughter of Thomas and Love (Knight) Andrus, and died 26 May 1751.

Isaac⁵ Ensign, a skilful and noted blacksmith, the recipient in 1770 of a grant of land from the town of Simsbury, Conn., on which he built his blacksmith's shop in 1770-1, and a soldier in the Revolutionary War, was born at Hartford 16 December 1747. He married, 29 December 1771, Lurannah Pettibone, daughter of Capt. Jacob and Jennie (Cornish) Pettibone of Simsbury. He was elected in 1773 surveyor of highways and in 1808 was grand juror. He died 12 May 1816, and was buried in the cemetery in Simsbury, where the following inscription appears on his tombstone: "Mr Isaac Ensign was born Dec. 16, 1747 & died May 12, 1816."

Ariel⁶ Ensign was born at Simsbury, Conn., 19 July 1778, and was baptized 21 May 1780. He removed to Hartford, Conn., and was a teacher, merchant, and the compiler of the first directory of Hartford, in 1828. Later he was an editor in New York, where he died about 1844. In 1804 he married Roxey Gilbert of Berlin, Conn., daughter of Col. Seth and Lucy (Kelsey) Gilbert, and a descendant of Jonathan Gilbert, the first marshal of the Hartford Colony and grandfather of Jonathan Belcher, Colonial governor of Massachusetts and later of New Jersey. He held the offices of lister, fence viewer, collector, and grand juror.

Sidney Ariel⁷ Ensign, son of Ariel and father of the subject of this memoir, was born at Simsbury, Conn., 3 February 1817. He

Abigail, daughter of John Shelding and Eliz^a his wife, was born Sept^r 8th, 1710.

Jane Shepard, the daughter of Thomas and Jane Shepard, was born July 20th, 1711.

1712. RECORD OF DEATHS.

Elizabeth Butlar, the daughter of Tho. Butlar, dyed August 8th, 1712.

Mercy Gilbert, the daughter of Mr. Joseph Gilbert, dyed August 25th, 1712.

Mary Gross, the wife of John Gross, dyed Decemb. 2^d, 1712.

Dorothy Parsons, the wife of John Parsons, dyed Octob^r 10th, 1712.

Moses Parsons, son of s^d John Parsons, dyed Octo. 10th, 1712.

Sarah Mighill, the wife of Sam^l Mighill, dyed Sept. 26, 1712.

Sarah Benton, the daughter of Joseph Benton, dyed Octo. 6, 1712.

Ruth Benton, the daughter of Joseph Benton, dyed October 7, 1712.

Ebenezer Bidwell, son of Dan^l Bidwell, dyed October 18th, 1702.

Dorothy Bidwell, daughter of Dan^l Bidwell, dyed July, 1708.

Aaron Bidwell, son of Dan^l Bidwell, dyed Feb^r 11, 1712.

Joseph Ensign, the son of James Ensign, dyed Decemb^r 10th, 1712.

Mary Gross, the daughter of John Gross, dyed Novemb^r 19th, 1712.

Ruth, the wife of William Cadwell, dyed Novemb^r 21st, 1714.

Susanna Marsh, the wife of John Marsh, dyed Decem. 24th, 1714.

Mary Catlin, the wife of John Catlin, dyed Octo: 20th, 1716.

Sarah Ensign, the wife of David Ensign, dyed Feb. 3^d, 1717-8.

Sarah Smith, the wife of Johanna Smith, dyed May 3^d, 1718.

Elizabeth Watson, the wife of Cyprian Watson, dyed July 12, 1719.

Mary Gillett, the wife of Joseph Gillett, dyed December 9th, 1719.

Rebecca Gross, wife of Jonah Gross, dyed September 22^d, 1717.

Nath^l Stanly, Esq. dyed November 14th, 1712.

Mrs. Sarah Stanly, wife of Mr. Nath. Stanly, dyed Aug. 18th, 1716.

Anna Stanly, daughter of Mr. Stanly, dyed Decemb^r 27th, 1722.

Joseph Stanly, son of Mr. Stanly, dyed August 21, 1723.

Mary Gillett dyed Decemb^r 9th, 1719.

Elizabeth Catlin, wife of Sam^l Catlin, dyed August 4th, 1724.

Sam^l Sedgwick, Jun^r, dyed Decemb. 25th, 1724.

and Sam^l Sedgwick his son, dyed Jan^y 8th, 1724-5.

Thomas Butler dyed August 23^d, 1725.

Consider Hopkins was born Jan^y 20th, 1726-7.

John Kellogg dyed July 12th, 1725.

Jonathan Easton of Hartford, dyed Decemb^r 17th, 1727.

David Ensign Sen^r, of Hartford, dyed Decemb^r 13th, 1727.

Tho. Mygatt, son of Zeb. Mygatt, dyed May 16th, 1727.

Philip Smith dyed January 25th, 1724-5.

Mr. Francis Duplessey departed this life June 8th, 1731, a 10 clock at Night, Aged Thirty Eight Years.

Cap^t Thomas Hosmer departed this Life March 9th, 1731-2, at Night, in the 57th Year of his age.

Samuel Hubbard of Hartford dyed November 4th, 1732, aged 88 years.

Ebenezer Judd of Hartford dyed May 20th, 1734.

Rebecca Nash, the wife of Moses Nash, dyed October 6th, 1743.